

APPENDIX

TEXT OF CLAIMS ON APPEAL

1. A method for manufacturing a ^{pleated}pleatable filter material from a thermally bonded non-woven fabric, comprising :
- forming a single fibrous web from drawn and undrawn synthetic fibers;
- calendering the single fibrous web in a single calendering step, wherein during the single calendering step, the undrawn fibers in the single fibrous web are bonded in a tension-free manner between profiled calender rolls to form the non-woven fabric, without inhomogeneities over the cross-section of the non-woven fabric and without the use of flat bonding, and wherein during the single calendering step, spacers are formed in the non-woven fabric to thereby form the filter material.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- preheating the fibrous web and then guiding the fibrous web between heated calender rolls during the single calendering step.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- preheating the fibrous web and then guiding the fibrous web between cooled calender rolls during the single calendering step.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- guiding the fibrous web, unheated, between heated calender rolls during the single calendering step.